**Forest Land for Ropeway**

1603. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Karnataka Government has sought for acquisition of some acres of forest land and environmental clearance for the construction of ropeway to Chamundi Hills near Mysore;

(b) if so, the extent of forest land asked for clearance;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the construction of ropeway will spoil the natural environment of that area; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Government of Karnataka had submitted a proposal for diversion of 2.22 ha. of forest area for construction of rope way to Chamundi Hills on 15.12.95 under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(c) and (d) It has been reported that construction of rope way is not likely to spoil the natural environment as the area has scrub forests only. Approval for diversion of 2.22 ha. of forest land for construction of rope way to Chamundi Hills has been accorded under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 with a condition that compensatory afforestation will be raised over 4.44 ha. on either side of the rope way to improve the natural environment.

*[Translation]*

**Sugarcane Production**

1604. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of incentives being provided to the farmers for the cultivation of sugarcane;

(b) the funds provided to State Governments during each of the last three years for the purpose, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have formulated or proposed to formulate any fresh programme for providing more technical know how to the farmers particularly those of Uttar Pradesh for increasing the production of sugarcane; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) was launched in 1995-96 in twenty States including Uttar Pradesh & one Union Territory for increasing productivity of sugarcane. Under the scheme, incentives are being provided to farmers for the transfer of technology on cultivation of sugarcane through frontline and field demonstrations & training of farmers as well as supply of farm implements, increased availability of quality seed and installation of drip irrigation.

(b) Since the scheme was introduced in 1995-96 only, the details of the State-wise amount (Central Share) released during the last two years i.e. 1995-96 and 1996-97 are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) The Scheme on development of sugarcane based cropping system consisting of existing constituents is under formulation for implementation during the IX Plan subject to its approval by competent agencies.

***Statement***

*State-wise Amount (Central) Share Released During 1995-96 and 1996-97 under Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System*

| State/UT | Amount (Rs. in Lakhs) | |
|---|---|---|
| | 1995-96 | 1996-97 (Till Feb., 97) |
| Andhra Pradesh | 210.92 | 205.01 |
| Assam | 43.66 | 41.00 |
| Bihar | 159.13 | 151.09 |
| Goa | 15.04 | 14.99 |
| Gujarat | 166.64 | 166.32 |
| Haryana | 112.82 | 101.88 |
| Karnataka | 247.92 | 249.22 |
| Kerala | 25.56 | 24.21 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 87.08 | 80.80 |
| Maharashtra | 507.12 | 536.84 |
| Manipur | 13.27 | 13.11 |
| Mizoram | 13.16 | 13.11 |
| Nagaland | 15.62 | 14.93 |
| Orissa | 54.73 | 42.62 |
| Punjab | 124.40 | 63.42 |
| Rajasthan | 56.60 | 59.06 |
| Tamil Nadu | 222.66 | 233.78 |
| Tripura | 13.16 | 13.12 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 810.29 | 720.90 |
| West Bengal | 36.19 | 30.80 |
| Pondicherry | 19.67 | 18.17 |